Construction criteria for multi-storey buildings

†507. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any criteria for multi-storey buildings constructed in the major cities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The construction of multi-storeyed buildings is governed by the Development Code of the Master Plan and Building Bye-laws of the concerned city which prescribes the maximum height FAR and ground coverage. The standard design of building is required to be carried out as per building bye-laws of respective States which should conform to the Bureau of Indian Standards norms & codes.

Examination of quake resistant houses of DDA and NIODA

†508. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any examination has been made with respect to the quality of residential units constructed by the DDA and the NIODA;

(b) whether they are quake-resistant;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Urban Transport Development Fund

†509. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have established a National Urban Transport Development Fund for transport projects in a few selected cities of the country; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for improvement of slums in Andhra Pradesh

510. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to provide plans to accommodate slums which occupy 30 per cent in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide help and assistance in improving the slums in the State;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to provide assistant under various schemes for improving the slums in the State;

(d) if so, the total amount, so far, released to the State in improving the slums; and

(e) how much has, so far, been utilised by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) the Government of Andhra Pradesh has denied not having been able to provide plans to accommodate slums in Hyderabad.

(b) to (e) Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the Government is already providing assistance in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for improving the slums in the State. So far, Rs.11,807.89 lakhs (upto June, 2000) have been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this programme, out of which Rs. 6201.28 lakhs (upto June, 2000) has been utilised so far, as reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Conversion of leasehold into freehold

†511. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to convert the leasehold into freehold;

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